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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 669

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Mr. George P. Haley on the
occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pay tribute to those exemplary professionals and remarkable community servants who have contributed significantly to the well being of this state and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessean could be more deserving of this special recognition than Mr. George P. Haley, who is retiring as President of the Tennessee Mental Health Planning Council; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of the University of Oklahoma with a degree in Political Science, George served his country with dedication for two years while on active duty with the United States Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, during his stellar thirty-year career in the apparel industry, this astute businessman has served as Vice President of the J.M. Wood Manufacturing Company, as Vice President of Marketing for the Haywood Company, as Vice President of Marketing for the Carwood Manufacturing Company, as Vice President of Sales and Marketing for the Woodway

Corporation, as Chairman of the Board of Cherokee Manufacturing, and as owner of the HMS Company, his own marketing consulting firm; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Haley began his commitment as a tireless advocate of the mentally ill as a volunteer with various support groups after his daughter was diagnosed with a serious and persistent mental illness; and

WHEREAS, George's involvement with the mentally ill also came about as a result of his association with the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill/Tennessee Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI-TN (TAMI)), which provide support systems and educates people about the illness; and

WHEREAS, George Haley has been an unflagging supporter of numerous projects to assist the mentally ill, in his quest to erase the stigma of mental illness that so permeates our society today; and

WHEREAS, he has used his business acumen as a strategic planner for the Park Center, a psychosocial rehabilitation program, the result of which has been an increase and improvement in services to prepare the mentally ill to gain independence through employment, housing and support, and to ultimately become active members of society; and

WHEREAS, George has been a constant source of inspiration to the Center's employees and volunteers alike, using his business teambuilding skills and foresight to challenge them to set and attain goals; and

WHEREAS, this inimitable man's commitment to the mentally ill is quite remarkable, as he even closed his consulting business to devote all of his time and remarkable talents to serving consumers and families dealing with the illness; and

WHEREAS, during the course of his illustrious service to others, George Haley has contributed his time and immeasurable talents as President of the Tennessee Mental Health Planning Council, as Vice President of the Tennessee Mental Health Planning Council, as Chair of the Advocacy and Education Committee of the Tennessee Mental Health Planning Council; as Co-Chair of the Tennessee Criminal Justice/Mental Illness Task Force, as Chairman of the

Board of Trustees of the Middle Tennessee Mental Health Institute, as president of NAMI-Tennessee (TAMI), and as Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Davidson County Mental Health Cooperative; and

WHEREAS, the very epitome of the concerned and competent community servant, George has served on numerous boards and organizations that promote education and awareness of the mentally ill; he has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Park Center, NAMI-Nashville, which named him Advocate of the Year in 1998, the Region IV Planning Committee of the Statewide Planning Council, the Middle Tennessee Mental Health Institute's Ethics Committee, the Experts Panel of the Tennessee Suicide Prevention Conference, the Governor's TennCare Operations Roundtable, and the TennCare Partners Monitoring Group; and

WHEREAS, in nominating George for the Mary Catherine Strobel Award, those affiliated with the Park Center appropriately described him as someone "who is committed" to the agency and its mission, "who will be there when (you) need a team member. George Haley not only meets those requirements, he inspires the entire agency to give more and work harder to achieve the mission and beyond. George Haley is a constant reminder that agencies like the Park Center cannot exist without dedicated volunteers"; and

WHEREAS, not often do people of George's dedication, integrity and humility appear among us, and it is most appropriate that he be honored for his life of purpose and conviction; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby salute Mr. George P. Haley for his meritorious service as President of the Tennessee Mental Health Planning Council and to the mentally ill and their families. His retirement has created a void that will not easily be filled, and his consummate professionalism and incomparable work ethic will be sorely missed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we wish for Mr. Haley a happy and fulfilling retirement and all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.